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Lower Paxton Township Police to lead multi-year traffic safety initiative in Dauphin County

County Commissioners asked Lower Paxton to coordinate with all county police forces as part of the \$600,000+ state-funded program

Lower Paxton Township, PA (Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023) – Lower Paxton Township Police Department is set to head a traffic safety initiative across Dauphin County, marking the first time the county has entrusted a municipal police department to run the program.

Supported by a three-year, \$649,541 grant from PennDOT, this three-year initiative is a concerted effort to bolster road safety across the county by using the funding to reimburse police departments for their officers in special enforcement duties.

With the holiday season on the horizon, the initiative will commence with intensified DUI enforcement. Most police departments in the county will be participating in additional DUI enforcement underwritten by the grant.

The Police Traffic Services Enforcement Grant Program, spanning three years, will see Lower Paxton Township Police collaborating with other county police departments in four critical areas: aggressive driving, pedestrian safety, DUI, and seatbelt usage.

"This is a landmark moment for us," said Lower Paxton Supervisor Chris Judd. "Being the first municipal department selected to coordinate such a significant program reflects the county's trust in our capabilities. We aim to include every police force within the county, creating a unified strategy for traffic safety."

This initiative sets a precedent in county-municipal collaboration and paves the way for a more cohesive approach to road safety in Dauphin County.

"This grant isn't just about enforcement; it's about improving safety and saving lives," said Lower Paxton Township Police Sgt. Stephen Cover, who will oversee the program. "Our enhanced efforts in areas like DUI patrols, especially during high-risk times like the holidays, demonstrate our commitment to keeping our roads safe for everyone."

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Lower Paxton Township is the largest municipality in Dauphin County and the 15th largest in Pennsylvania, covering a 28-square-mile area. To learn more, visit www.lowerpaxton-pa.gov and follow Lower Paxton on Facebook @LowerPaxtonTwp, Twitter @LowerPaxtonTwp & Instagram @lowerpaxtontownship



Lower Paxton Township Supervisor Chris Judd is joined by area police officers in announcing the initiative.

Police Traffic Services Enforcement Grant Program talking points

- **Lower Paxton Township Police Department Leads County-Wide Traffic Safety Initiative:** Spearheading a comprehensive safety program across Dauphin County.
- **First-of-its-Kind Role for a Municipal Department:** This initiative marks the first time a municipal police department in the county has been assigned to run such a program.
- **Significant State Funding:** Supported by a \$649,541 grant from PennDOT, ensuring robust resources for the initiative.
- **Three-Year Duration:** The program is set to span over three years, providing sustained efforts in traffic safety.
- **Focus on Critical Safety Areas:** Targeting four key areas: aggressive driving, pedestrian safety, DUI, and seatbelt usage.
- **Increased DUI Patrols During Holidays:** Prioritizing DUI enforcement to address the higher risk of impaired driving during the festive season.
- **County-Wide Collaboration:** Aimed at involving every police force in Dauphin County, fostering a united approach to road safety.
- **Strategic Selection of Lower Paxton Township:** As the largest municipality, their leadership is central to the program's success.
- **Commitment to Public Safety and Saving Lives:** The initiative emphasizes enhanced safety measures and life-saving tactics.